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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

POTLUCK / PICNIC

The regular summer meeting of the Eastern Iowa DX Association will be a potluck/picnic on July 14 at 1 PM CDT at the QTH of W4NIM which is 2510 White Eagle Trail SE, Cedar Rapids. Please bring table service for you and your family as well as a covered dish and a salad and/or dessert. Limited cooking facilities are available. The EIDX A will provide soft drinks. Seating is limited so it may be wise to bring your own lawn chairs or what-have-you.

The program is tentative right now, but hopes are for a Packet Radio demonstration.

RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE EIDX A

Remember that the EIDX A is a 100% ARRL membership affiliated club and to make this a good proposition for our club your ARRL membership renewal done through the club treasurer nets the club a \$2.00 commission for the \$25.00 annual ARRL membership fee. ARRL membership is a requirement for EIDX A membership and by renewing your ARRL membership through the EIDX A you support both organizations.

DXCC HONOR ROLL

The June 1985 issue of QST listed the latest DXCC Honor Roll members. As we all know, it is no small accomplishment in not only making the Honor Roll, but also staying there! Several of our fellow EIDX A members have distinguished themselves by being elevated to this elite list of DXers and deserve our recognition and congratulations. They are listed below for Mixed, Phone, and CW DXCC:

	<u>Mixed</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CW</u>
KO6VD	313	WOSR	306
WQIZ	310		WQWP
WOSR	310		303
KOLUZ	308		
WQWP	306		

** HOT 100 UPDATE NOTICE **

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR HOT 100 UPDATES IS THE NEXT MEETING OR, SINCE I WILL BE ON VACATION BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE NEXT MEETING.

REMEMBER, IF YOU HAD AN '*' BY YOUR CALL ON THE LAST ISSUE OF THE HOT 100 AND YOU DO NOT PROVIDE AN UPDATE THIS TIME, YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE LIST.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE HOT 100 WILL BE DELIVERED AFTER THE NEXT MEETING.

VP RAMBLINGS...

FOR SOME OF US, THIS SUMMER IS LIKE THE PREVIOUS ONES, GOING BY TOO FAST!!! HERE IT IS JULY ALREADY... (SIGH!)

THE BANDS HAVE BEEN UP AND DOWN SO FAR THIS SUMMER, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PLEASANT SURPRISES, ESPECIALLY ON 20.

THERE ARE A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST TO PASS ON TO YOU, HERE, SO:

ACCORDING TO KOVZR, AS OF JUNE 3, 1985, CONTACTS WITH 5X56K, 5X5BD, AND 5X5WR MADE AFTER AUGUST 28, 1984 WILL COUNT FOR DXCC CREDIT.

THE CVARC HAMFEST WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 4 THIS YEAR. NOTE THAT THIS IS ALMOST A FULL 2 MONTHS EARLIER THAN IN THE PAST. ALSO, VEC EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN AT THAT TIME IF APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY JULY 3 (UNFORTUNATELY, THE SCHEDULE IS A LITTLE SHORT FOR THIS PUBLICATION). CONTACT MOSS.

MOST OF YOU HAVE PROBABLY GOTTEN YOUR NOTICES ABOUT THE DMRAA ELECTRONICS FAIR ON JULY 20, 21. THIS EVENT IS TO BE HELD AT THE AIRPORT HILTON INN IN DES MOINES RATHER THAN VETS AUDITORIUM AS IN THE PAST. THEY HAVE LISTED QUITE A PROGRAM FOR THIS GATHERING INCLUDING A BANQUET FEATURING NICK JOHNSON, NOEAJ, AS THE SPEAKER.

IF YOU HAVE FOLLOWED DMRAA HAMFESTS IN THE PAST, YOU WILL NOTE THAT THEY TEND TO REJUVINATE A PROGRAM IDEA EVERY 5 YEARS OR SO AND THEN PROCEED TO DRIVE IT INTO THE GROUND. WHEN I CAME BACK TO IOWA ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, THEY HAD A FEST AT THE FAIRGROUNDS THAT I FELT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. THE NEXT YEAR WAS A 2 DAY AFFAIR AT CAMP DODGE WITH SOME VERY GOOD PROGRAMS AND PLENTY OF EXHIBITS. THE NEXT YEAR IT WAS MOVED TO VETS AUDITORIUM AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING YEARS SHOWED THE DM HAMFEST ON THE DECLINE TO THE POINT WHERE LAST YEAR WAS AGAIN A WASTE OF TIME. THIS YEAR IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT AT A NEW FORMAT. IF THE PAST IS ANY INDICATION, THIS SHOW SHOULD BE VERY GOOD. I AM HOPING TO ATTEND.

OSCAR 10 COUNTS FOR SATELLITE DXCC CREDIT. CREDIT FOR OSCAR 10 CONTACTS IS RETROACTIVE TO THE DATE WHEN OSCAR 10 BECAME AVAILABLE FOR CONTACTS. THE SATELLITE DXCC CERTIFICATE IS A NON-ENDORSABLE, ONE-TIME ONLY AWARD.

WE FINALLY GOT THE 24 MHZ BAND! UNLIKE THE 10 MHZ BAND FULL POWER IS PERMITTED ON THE ENTIRE BAND FROM 24.890 TO 24.990 MHZ. 24.890 TO 24.930 IS

LIMITED TO CW AND RTTY ONLY. THE SUBBAND FROM 24.930 TO 24.990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CW, PHONE, FAX, AND SSTV.

AS YOU PROBABLY SAW IN A RECENT ISSUE OF QST, THE RECENT 40 METER PHONE BAND SURVEY RESULTS WERE IN. 44.2% FAVORED EXPANSION OF THE 40 METER U.S. PHONE BAND, 53.6% DID NOT FAVOR EXPANDING THE U.S. PHONE BAND, AND 2.2% HAD NO OPINION. 19862 SURVEY CARDS WERE RETURNED.

73,
Weller

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E.I.D.X.A. MINUTES 4-12-85

Pres. KØVZR called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

Treas. report and minutes were read. Motion to accept KØCF and 2nd by KØSM.

KØVM had nothing new to report on the repeater.

WØEJ reported on the hot 100 list and how the list is determined.

WØSR gave a report on DXAC activity. New vote to be taken on Pribilofs. 4ULVIC status may hinge on a 3rd party agreement. A vote was to be taken on the "Locher Doctrine" which allows for country status consideration of any proposed new one only once every two years. TT8CW is good for credit but not the F6 that operated portable Chad. The 5X5 operation has no documentation.

KØCF reported he is trying to get a price quote for 1000 QSLs for those who would be interested in that quantity.

W4NIM displayed the plaque for KØLUZ and NBØH was going to arrange for engraving.

NGØW gave a report on Field Day plans to operate from North Dakota.

WØEJ expressed his thanks to his contest team for their efforts in the ARRL DX Phone test.

KØVZR discussed net activity for the summer. It was decided to continue calling net throughout the summer with a motion by WØEJ and second by WØIZ.

WØEJ reported receiving an invitation from WBØOET Pres. of CVARC for our club to join them June 9, 1985 at Jones Park for a picnic.

KFØZ reported WDØBHR was coordinating a call book group buy.

KZØC and KDØHY reported that they are QSL managers for KP4BZ and NP4CC.

WØWP reported the special beer and pizza meetings for contest planning went over well.

KØVZR opened for summer meeting plans. W4NIM moved to have a picnic for the July meeting at his house. 2nd by WØEJ, KØVZR and W4NIM to arrange date.

W4NIM reported he is looking for a volunteer for a scouting canoe trip from Palisades Park to St. Louis. Several scouts are working on tickets and radios are to be taken along with the possibility of special QSLs for contacts with the group.

KØVZR discussed the request for funds by NCDXF for Clipperton expense. NØAFL moved we send \$25. with some discussion KØGVB seconded. WØWP amended the motion to pass the hat with proceeds to be sent to NCDXF. This motion passed and \$41.00 was collected.

WØVX announced the Extra Class test would be given May 25, 1985 at Kirkwood. Also May 18 Ottumwa and April 21 in Waterloo.

KØAL announced plans of a European bicycle tour with his son May 31 thru July 6th. He is arranging for licensing and plans to take his 2 mtr handheld. He is hopeful of operating some HF as a guest op through his 2 mtr QSOs.

New members considered and accepted were: KJØH, ABØM, KØRW and WØPLS. Motion for acceptance by WØEJ, 2nd by W4NIM. Motion passed. Membership certificates were presented to KAØCEH and KEØY. NØSM played a recording of a 160m contest QSO.

Meeting adjourned 8:49.

PERSONALITY PROFILES

1. You are fat, middle-aged, and smoke cigars. A real DX fiend, you own stacked monobanders at 150 feet. King Hussein knows you on a first name basis. When you key the mike, the power company declares a peak power consumption period.
2. Your idea of state of the art equipment is an HW-101. You own an NCX-3 or a Hallicrafters of some sort. You and your cronies make a 7 1/2 kHz wide dent on the upper end of 75. On CW, you use a bug, and your fist reflects the creaky CW of the elderly. When people can't sleep, they tune 40 and listen to you rattle about the "AM days."
3. You are basically nosy, and get secret thrills out of reading the traffic you pass. Your obsession with line noise borders on paranoia. You fantasize about using thermonuclear devices to eliminate all your neighbors' household appliances, and strangling the 75 meter roundtable geezers with hardline.
4. You wear plaid shorts, black socks, and loafers to hamfests. Your call tag has little blinking LED's on it. Children in your neighborhood get spending money by shoveling out the aluminum beer cans at your place that stack up on contest weekends.
5. You think two meters is for peasants. Your house looks like Moonbase Alpha. Truth is, you have gear for every band above 440, but no one to talk to. People with pacemakers should not come over to your place.
6. Disaster is a turn-on for you. You love to jump in your car and chase tornadoes. You took every kind of first aid class the Red Cross offers in hopes of becoming a hero the next time it floods. You hover over the local repeater like the Angel of Death.
7. Your shack looks like Mission Control. For X pieces of gear, you have X/2 coax jumpers and 2/3(X-1) pieces of interface cabling, so it takes 30 minutes to go from one mode to another. In an ordinary, garden-variety ragchew, you are a total conversational geek.
8. Your parents hope Amateur Radio is just a phase you will grow out of. You lose points with dates by leaving the two meter rig on at the drive-in movie. You tell your friends that you'll be on MARS this afternoon, and they ask you if you can get them some of those good drugs, too.
9. Strange old men call you "honey" on the air. Everybody wants your QSL for WAS-YL. At hamfests, XYL's fume when you buy tickets for both the afghan AND the TS-430. While discussing erotic subjects like the Russian Woodpecker, these same XYL's drag their husbands away from you. Sometimes you wonder if someday these gals are going to get together and buy you a call sign hat with a scarlet A on it.
10. You regularly call CQ on top of BY1's. You call home on the autopatch and your spouse divulges your darkest secrets on the repeater. You have an impressive collection of "borrowed" QST's. Last week your neighbors hired a gypsy to curse your tower.

AMATEUR RADIO PERSONALITY TEST

Directions: Check the number(s) of the sentence(s) below that most closely resemble your attitudes about Amateur Radio. Your answers will help to determine your Amateur Radio Personality.

1. Twenty meters is the band with all the action. Its propagation, overall characteristics, and the skill of its regular operators epitomize the entire concept of Amateur Radio.
2. Twenty meters is full of California flakes and East Coast kilowatts. Amateur Radio is a fraternity, and that fraternity exists only on 40 and 75 meters.
3. Traffic handling is a living example of the history and traditions of Amateur Radio, and traffic handlers exude skills and decorum not found in the amateur radio community as a whole.
4. The high excitement and fever pitch of contest activities sharpen the endurance and stamina needed in emergency operation.
5. Amateur Radio has few unexplored areas, few real operating frontiers. UHF is one of the last of these outposts of research and exploration.
6. Amateurs have a duty to serve their community in emergency situations. Consequently, each amateur should be prepared for the possibility that he/she may be called upon to render service above and beyond the call of duty.
7. Personally, I find traditional modes of amateur communications quite boring. Amateur Radio's only future is in the growing number of speciality modes and new developments in amateur communication.
8. As a young person involved in Amateur Radio, I find that I am often confronted with cultural gaps in my hobby.
9. Just as women in today's world are breaking into traditionally closed areas, today's YL is also becoming more involved in amateur activity. As one of this new breed of YL, I find the men and women of amateur radio exciting and challenging.
10. Too many hams these days are technically inclined to the point that they aren't good conversationalists. I find the friendships I've gained via Amateur Radio the most rewarding part of my hobby.

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